

**PATENT** 

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: Billing-Medel et al.

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## REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

**Assistant Commissioner for Patents** Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated September 4, 1998 for 1 month from October 4, 1998, to November 4, 1998. Please charge Deposit Account 01-0025 in the amount of \$110.00 to cover the cost of the extension. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to the above-numbered deposit account. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

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